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Language quality	[ ] Grade A: Priority publishing [ Y] Grade B: Minor language polishing [ ] Grade C: A great deal of language polishing [ ] Grade D: Rejection
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The occurrence of microalbuminuria in children with obesity is an emerging issue. In this paper, the authors attempted to address three debated questions regarding the intriguing relationship between insulin-resistance and microalbuminuria in children with obesity: 1) what is the prevalence of pediatric MA? 2) Which is the state of art of MA in children with obesity? and 3) Is there a link between IR and MA in children with obesity? In general, this paper is well written and provides some useful information. However, I have the following concerns: 1. This paper is aimed to reviewing 'the tangled relationship between insulin resistance and microalbuminuria in children with obesity', however, there is only a small part of text devoting to the relationship. I suggest that the authors either revise the title to reflect the content of the whole manuscript or provide more information on the relationship. 2.In the paragraph 'INSULIN RESISTANCE AND MA IN CHILDHOOD OBESITY: IS THERE A LINK?', some key statements lack references. 3. This manuscript needs a minor editing work. For example, remove 'by' from 'by suggesting' and 'by supporting'; remove 'female' from 'female sex'; remove 'and' from 'Given and'; revise the first sentence in the Introduction section; revise 'In this context, MA and obesity a similar and additive effect on the risk of death'; remove 'and' from 'the central role of these factors and in the development of kidney damage'.